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Many Happy Returns

A portrait of the Queen at her desk in Buckingham Palace. She celebrates her 33rd birthday next Tuesday.

BRAVEST DEED OF THE YEAR

The Stanhope Gold Medal for the bravest deed of 1958 has been awarded by the Royal Humane Society to Lieutenant David John Nowell Hall, R.N. He dived into a rough sea from a yacht late at night and saved the life of Ben Laycock, eleven-year-old son of Sir Robert Laycock, Governor of Malta.

The yacht had run into bad weather between Corfu and Italy, and the boy, feeling seasick, went on deck and was thrown overboard.

A few moments later the lad's cries were heard and in the beam of a searchlight he was sighted, some distance away. Without hesitation Lieutenant Hall dived overboard fully clothed and, although not an exceptionally strong swimmer, succeeded in reaching the exhausted boy. He then swam back to the ship with the boy and both were helped aboard, since neither had the strength by this time to climb a Jacob's ladder.

Fast Train for Freight

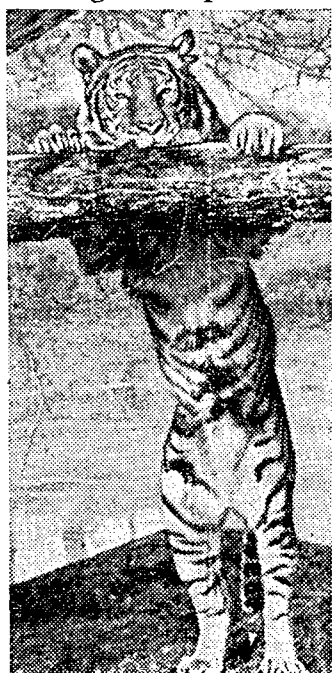
Britain's fastest freight train is one regularly running now between London and Glasgow. Called the Condor, it is hauled by two diesel-electric locomotives and does the journey in less than ten hours at an average speed of 40 miles an hour.

BACK FROM KHARTOUM

Statues of two famous British soldiers have arrived back in this country from the Sudan. Unloaded at Chatham recently, they are the statues of Lord Kitchener and General Gordon which stood in Khartoum until the end of last year, when they were taken home by the orders of the Sudanese Government.

The statue of General Gordon, riding a camel, is to have a fitting site at the Gordon Boys' School near Woking; that of Lord Kitchener, on horseback, is to stay in Chatham, at the School of Military Engineers.

Tiger on tip-toe



This is Kasseh the tiger giving his forepaws a rest on a tree trunk at the Whipsnade Zoo.

Scholarship trip to New Zealand

Alexander M. Morrice, 18-year-old prefect of the Robert Gordon College in Aberdeen, is looking forward to June 5. On that date he will be leaving for a two-months' tour of New Zealand as winner of the Otaki Scholarship.

Awarded annually to a senior pupil of the Robert Gordon College, this scholarship commemorates the winning of the VC by an old boy, Lieutenant Archibald Bissett Smith, in the First World War. He commanded a small merchantman, the Otaki, and went down with his ship after a three-day battle with a German raider. The Otaki, named after a little town near Wellington, belonged to the New Zealand Shipping Company, which now takes the winner of the scholarship to and from New Zealand. The New Zealand Government also assists, and the winner makes a tour of the country and visits a number of secondary schools.

Alexander Morrice has been at the Robert Gordon College since 1953, but he will soon be going to Aberdeen University to study mathematics and physics.

BAGPIPES FOR BEGINNERS

Youngsters will soon be able to learn how to play the bagpipes without protest from their elders. A new set, smaller and cheaper than the usual kind, has been designed by a West of Scotland firm.

These bagpipes-in-miniature are quieter, and thus less disturbing to family and neighbours while the learner is practising.

They will be on display at the Scottish Trade Fair in Glasgow in September.

Bushel of good wheat

In accordance with ancient custom, the Norfolk Quarter Sessions was recently called upon to decide the price of "A Winchester Bushel of good Norfolk wheat." This was because a number of rents in the Blakeney area of Norfolk are based on this unit. The price decided on at the Sessions was 13s. 4d.

The Winchester Bushel, so called from the standard being kept in the town hall at Winchester, was long the accepted measure for all kinds of grain. It contained 2150 cubic inches. The standard bushel for grain today contains 2218 cubic inches.

FLYING FRIENDS OF AFRICA

Little planes that do a big job

FROM a small office in central London, Steve Stevens, D.F.C., formerly of the R.A.F., directs some little Cessna planes across north-east Africa. Steve is in flying still because it enables him to serve the remote peoples of the Sudan, Ethiopia, and Kenya.

It is now eleven years since Steve Stevens helped to start up the Missionary Aviation Fellowship with only a few pounds—but a lot of faith that British people would help to keep the little Cessna planes flying with missionaries and supplies to the remote areas of Africa. Today Steve and his friends receive more than £1000 a month for their project.

Steve Stevens serves the little group of dedicated men and their families who live at Makalal, in the wilds of the Southern Sudan, where the Aviation Fellowship has its base. Four years ago the Cessna planes had to stand out in all winds and weathers of the African climate but today they are

Just recently, away up in the Nubia Mountains of the Sudan, a small child of a missionary family had a peanut stuck in her windpipe. Could she cough it up? Well, mother patted her on the back but the peanut refused to budge.

The nearest hospital was at Khartoum, a good week's journey away. So the radio link got to work and in two hours a Cessna plane was running down the air-strip, and in another three the child was in hospital at Khartoum. On the following day she was safe home again.

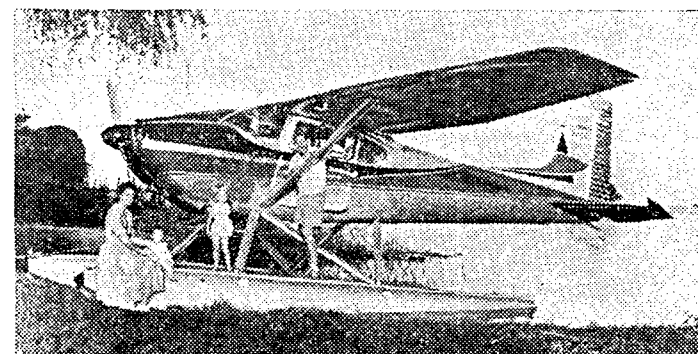
PART OF THE JOB

The pilots' logs are full of incidents like that. They have become part of the job, like taking children to school at Addis Ababa. Every term a Cessna hops round to the air-strips to pick up children for boarding school. If their parents had to take them it would mean weeks away from their work. Going to school and back over the tops of the mountains is easy and the trip is soon over. This means longer time at home.

It costs £6000 to buy and adapt one of these aircraft as a flying link for the missions in the Sudan, and the hope of Steve Stevens and



Steve Stevens



A missionary-pilot and his family with one of the little Cessna aircraft in which he visits remote areas in Africa

housed in a hangar, with a properly equipped workshop.

All through the Southern Sudan there are 20 air-strips adjacent to the mission stations. But where the ground is too swampy to build an air-strip the aircraft can be fitted with floats so that a river or lake may be used. One of the Cessna float-planes sometimes comes down on the broad Nile.

his friends is to increase their flight to four. In the scattered areas of Kenya the missions are asking for this kind of transport, and in Ethiopia, too.

Steve wants to give Africa the best he has got; and that, for him, means keeping his aircraft flying in the service of his faith and of needy humanity.

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EUROPE'S BIGGEST PROBLEM

By the C N Diplomatic Correspondent

BRITAIN, France, the United States, and Russia have agreed that their Foreign Ministers should meet at Geneva on May 11 to discuss the complex and urgent problems of Berlin and the Peace Treaty with Germany.

In February 1945, Yalta, in the Crimea, was chosen for a conference between Winston Churchill, Franklin D. Roosevelt, and Josef Stalin.

The conference agreed on final plans for the defeat and unconditional surrender and on the Allied occupation of Germany in four post-war zones. The fourth would be controlled by France.

Germany surrendered on May 7, 1945. Then, between July 17 and August 1, 1945, British, American, and Russian statesmen met at Potsdam, near Berlin.

After the Yalta meeting Franklin Roosevelt died, and Mr. Attlee became Prime Minister of Britain. So the statesmen who ultimately approved the Potsdam Treaty were Mr. Attlee, President Truman, and Marshal Stalin. Under this treaty there was to be no central government in Germany, but the country would be treated as a single economic unit.

FOUR SECTORS

Earlier in 1945 the Allies had agreed to govern Berlin, the former capital of Germany. They divided it into four sectors. Three of these were in due course occupied by Western troops and the fourth by Soviet troops.

Berlin still lies within Russian-controlled German territory 110 miles from the frontier of what we now know as West Germany. By agreement the Western sector, which contains 2,250,000 Berliners and some 12,000 Allied troops, is supplied by air, road, canal, and railway from West Germany and other parts of Western Europe.

These agreements did not really suit the Russians. In 1948 they brought in new rules which interfered with Western traffic to Berlin. The West then mounted a gigantic, round-the-clock airlift to keep the city supplied. The airlift went on for about a year.

Western statesmen argued—and still do—that Berlin was occupied by right of conquest until the four Powers agreed to re-unite the two parts of Germany and make Berlin its capital again.

"Reunification" of Germany is the Western aim for the coming Geneva conference. But today the problem is harder than it was ten years ago, because in 1955 the Western Powers and Russia made separate independent States of the two parts of Germany. Like Russia, East Germany has a Communist Government.

East Germany which has a population of 17 million is a member of the Warsaw Pact, with Russia and six other Soviet-bloc nations. West Germany, with 50 million inhabitants, belongs to the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO).

FOREIGN MINISTERS MEET

In July 1955, after the creation of the "two Germanys," another "summit" conference of Heads of Governments was called.

In the autumn of that year, chiefly to calm Russia's fears of being attacked again by a re-unified Germany, the Foreign Ministers of the four Powers met, but failed to agree on a security system in Europe.

The German problem thus remained unsolved when, last November, the Russian Premier, Mr. Khrushchev, demanded an end to the Allied occupation of West Berlin. The West refused, because Germany is still partitioned or divided: if they agreed Berlin would become the capital of East Germany.

However, it is some gain that the Powers have now agreed to negotiate. That very fact underlines the Western principle that agreements reached by negotiation (as in 1945) must not be broken or changed except by negotiation.

Coaches on parade

Nearly 60 British and Continental luxury coaches will assemble at Victoria Coach Station in London next Saturday. This will be the day of the British Coach Rally and the vehicles, costing between £5000 and £7000 apiece, will represent the latest and best being offered to tourists and holidaymakers during 1959.

The main object of the event, the fifth to be held, is to give manufacturers and operators an opportunity to meet socially and to discuss technical progress.

One of the two major Rally events is a Concours d'Elegance for the "Coach of the Year." Vehicles will be awarded marks for smartness, inside and out, cleanliness of engine, passenger comfort, and driving facilities.

The Rally also gives drivers the opportunity to demonstrate their skill and to earn the title "Driver of the Year." From Victoria Coach Station to the meeting point at Brighton, they drive under severe test conditions, watched throughout from various check points, many of them secret.

At Brighton there will be a further six tests designed to demonstrate manoeuvrability and driving skill. The eight competitors putting up the best performances on the first day of the Rally will compete again on the second day in three further tests to establish the winner.

News from Everywhere

SUMMER TIME

Summer Time begins early on Sunday morning, April 19. Clocks and watches should be put forward one hour at bedtime on Saturday.

Rooms with a view



These striking new homes are in the London borough of Bethnal Green. A cluster block is the name for this kind of building.

An eight h.p. car was bought by a Bournemouth man the other day for a penny. The owner offered the car to the first person who had a penny with the same date as one he had put in an envelope.

An ultra-violet ray lamp is being used to keep rats and mice away from granaries at Sharnbrook, Bedfordshire.

Britain had 1,330,932 overseas visitors last year—seven per cent more than in 1957. Most of them came from the United States, France, Germany, the Netherlands, and Italy.

LOBSTER SPECIAL

Lobsters caught off our north-east shores are eaten in France the next day. Landed at Whitby, they are sent by rail to Southend and then flown to Dieppe.

Scientists on a Russian research ship taking soundings in the Pacific recently recorded a depth of 36,200 feet—the greatest yet known—in the famous Marianna Trench.

Four people playing bridge in a London club the other day were each dealt a complete suit. Other instances of this are on record, but the odds against it are astronomical.

THEY SAY . . .

Kew Gardens are the pride of world botany.

Director of the Soviet Central Botanical Gardens

ALL children are different—that is obvious, but it is surprising how often it is forgotten.

Professor R. S. Illingworth of Sheffield University

I SUPPOSE someone will love a diesel one of these days, but we don't. We are only interested in the steam railways as they are. A member of the Model Railway Club

Handel the Great

Music-lovers the whole world over are paying tribute this week to the memory of George Frederick Handel. Born in Germany, this composer spent most of his life in England, enjoyed most of his triumphs here, and died in London on April 14, just 200 years ago.

BORN in 1685 in the cathedral town of Halle, Saxony, Handel was the son of a prosperous surgeon who did not at all care for music and hoped that his boy would become a lawyer. However, the lad was quite sure what he himself wanted and is said to have managed to get a clavichord, a light key-board instrument, smuggled into the house.

He is also said to have practised playing the clavichord in the attic where father would not hear it, and whether the story be true or not it is certain that he had somehow learned to play a key-board instrument by the time he was eight.

At the age of ten he was already composing. At seventeen he was organist of Halle cathedral. Then he went to Hamburg and got a job as second violinist at the opera house there. It was at Hamburg that he nearly ended his days in a duel with one of the actors. But the latter's sword broke in striking a metal button on Handel's coat.

From Hamburg Handel went to Italy where he soon became renowned for his remarkable playing. There he began to write operas and oratorios, succeeding so well that he was offered the post of master of the chapel by

the Elector of Hanover. He accepted on condition that he might first visit England, a happy hunting-ground for foreign musicians at that time.

So Handel came to London, and before long he had an opera running at the Haymarket theatre. After a short visit to Hanover he returned to England and seemed to have forgotten all about the Elector until that royal person was offered the throne of England and came over to be crowned as George I.

FORGIVEN BY THE KING

Handel dared not go near the court until he had begged someone in high places to seek a pardon for him. Then he wrote the charming Water Music, for a royal party held on the Thames, and this so pleased the King that he forgave his neglectful and disobedient musician.

With his operas, all written in the popular Italian style, he had varied success and disaster. Twice he became bankrupt and had to work himself into ill-health to repay his debts. But pay his debts he did, in full.

It was when Handel turned to sacred music in his oratorios that his full genius was seen, notably in the Messiah (first produced in Dublin in 1742), in Samson, Judas

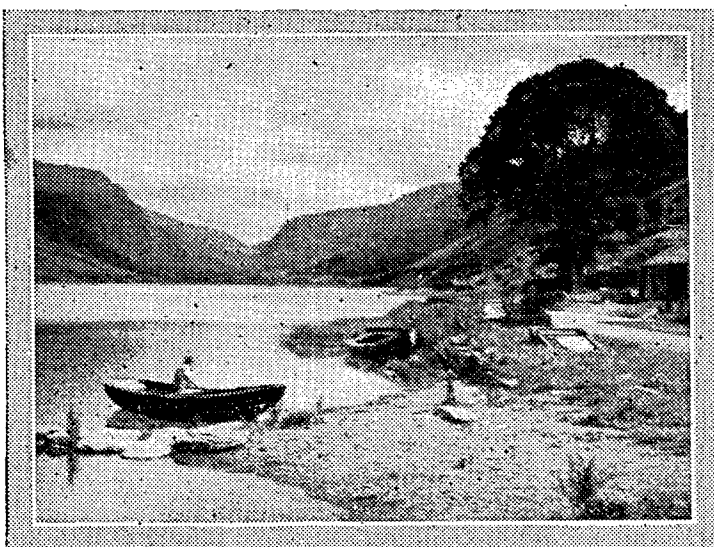


Maccabaeus, and many others.

In 1749 he gave a special performance in aid of the Foundling Hospital, started ten years earlier by a kindly sea captain for destitute children. Later he presented an organ to the hospital and officially opened it with a performance of the Messiah which he repeated year by year for the benefit of the funds.

In the end his sight began to fail, and after several operations he became almost totally blind.

On April 6, 1759, Handel heard the Messiah performed at Covent Garden. But he was a dying man—and knew it. Friends took him home to his house in Brooke Street, near Hyde Park, and there, on April 14, on the day after Good Friday, he breathed his last. Six days later he was buried in Westminster Abbey, and there (in the words of his biographer, Newman Flower) "three thousand people gave him the tears of the world."



OUR HOMELAND

Lake Talyllyn, among the mountains of Merionethshire

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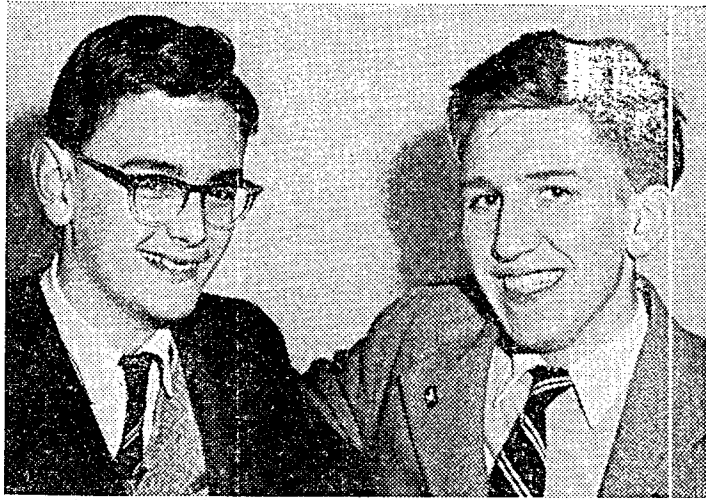
THE YOUNG DETECTIVES

These two Derby schoolboys, Anthony Irwin (left) and his friend Ian Davis, have been warmly praised for their promptness and resource in helping the police.

While on a trip to Weston Underwood, they watched three men break into a garage. Having noted the number of their vehicle in a diary, together with a description of the men, the boys then got in touch with the police.

When the three men appeared at Derbyshire Quarter Sessions, the Chairman, Mr. H. G. Talbot, told the boys: "You have assisted in the administration of justice in taking the course of action you did, which led to the apprehension of these criminals. On behalf of the public, I would like to say Thank You."

And at a lower court, the chair-



man of the magistrates, Mr. Leslie Bartholomew, told the boys that they were a credit to their school

and the community. Both the boys are pupils at Bemrose Grammar School, Derby.

SEEING ROUND THE CORNER

Many people would like to operate a TV camera and the Marconi Company is providing a chance for them to do so at the Industrial, Photographic, and Television Exhibition at the Royal Albert Hall from April 20 to 24.

One of the latest type of closed-circuit television cameras is to be mounted on the roof of the building so that it surveys the street

below. It will be controlled by instruments on the Marconi stand in the Exhibition hall and visitors will be able to try their hand at getting the most interesting shots.

The camera will be able to tilt and turn by remote control and the pictures which it obtains will be shown on screens on the exhibition stand.

It will undoubtedly provide a great deal of interest for visitors but it is also intended to demonstrate a serious practical use.

An installation of this kind will be of great benefit to police and highway authorities in the future because it will enable constant observation to be kept on roads or traffic junctions from a Central Control Room, say in the local police station.

Such a camera has already been installed at Durham, to help a policeman to control traffic at busy junctions and not only shows him what is within direct view but enables him to "see round corners" so that he knows what is approaching.

Tippoo's Tiger roars again

A tiger's roar was heard in London the other day—not at the Zoo but at the Victoria and Albert Museum. It came from a mechanical toy called Tippoo's Tiger. This strange contraption represents a three-foot-long man-eater crouching on the figure of a prostrate European and it contains an organ with keys which can be played to produce the tiger's roar mingled with the cries of its victim.

Badly damaged during the war, the organ has now been restored, and it was "played" recently—the first time for many years—to mark the publication of a short work on this fascinating exhibit by Mrs. Mildred Archer.

Built in the 18th century for fierce Tippoo Sultan, ruler of Mysore and enemy of the British, this gruesome toy is supposed to have gratified his hatred of Englishmen. It was captured by the British in 1799 at Seringapatam, the battle in which Tippoo was killed.

PRECIOUS CHICKS

Three notornis chicks are being reared by a biologist at Wellington, New Zealand. The notornis, or takahe, is a flightless bird that is found only in New Zealand and was once thought to be extinct.

These chicks are the survivors of four taken from their nests in a bleak and remote valley in south-western Otago, on South Island. They were removed by the Wildlife Division of the Department of Internal Affairs because it was felt that their chances of survival would be

greater in captivity than in the chilly valley where they were born. If they live, it is hoped to raise other notornis chicks in captivity, and so help to preserve a species of which only about 50 are known to exist.

Warm and snug under the wings of bantam fowls which acted as foster-mothers, the chicks were flown to Wellington. There they live in a tent under an elm tree and have the run of a big lawn. They are now about a foot high and well able to take care of themselves. They are always hungry, eating for about three-quarters-of-an-hour from a variety of dishes including flies and lettuce, baby food, milk powder and protein mash combined with raw eggs. Then perhaps they finish off with a topping of cream and sponge cakes. But half-an-hour later the chicks are squeaking loudly to show they are ready for more.



Notornis hen on her nest

Close-up of Champion



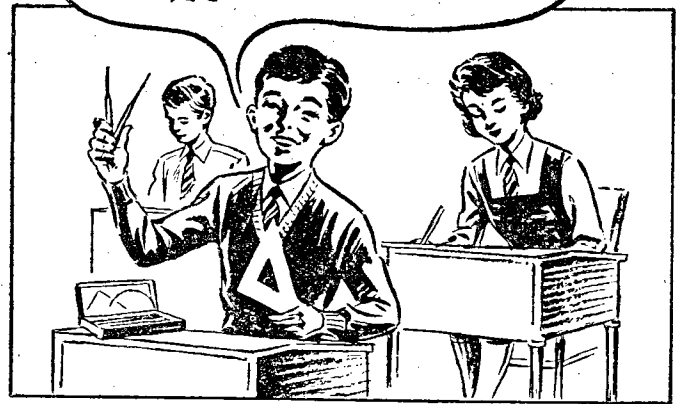
The new Veterinary Field Station at North Mimms, Hertfordshire, is to be opened by the Queen next Monday. Here we see a member of the staff with Champion, who will be used in demonstrations and lectures.

From the jungles of Suffolk

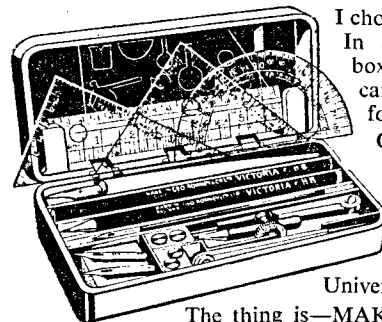
The bones of a lion which roamed the jungles of Suffolk 50,000 years ago, have been found 20 feet below the surface in a new gravel pit at Parham, near Ipswich.

Ipswich Museum official Mr. Harold Spencer told a CN correspondent: "The pit has already produced the remains of hyena, elephant, and reindeer which also roamed the area in prehistoric times, but the remains of the lion are a very rare find indeed, and only four such discoveries have ever been made in Suffolk."

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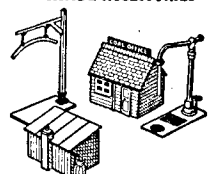
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ERNEST THOMSON WRITES ABOUT RADIO AND TELEVISION PERSONALITIES AND PROGRAMMES

Laughing again at Charlie Chaplin

It is more than 40 years since Charlie Chaplin first staggered into the world of silent films as the little down-and-out tramp with swagger cane and dented bowler hat and his toes peeping out like mice from between the soles and uppers of his shoes.

Does Charlie seem as funny today as he did to cinemagoers in the 1920s? We shall have a wonderful chance to find out at 8.5 p.m. on Friday when BBC Television stages a 55-minute programme celebrating Charles Chaplin's 70th birthday.

I hear that excerpts will be shown from Chaplin's earliest classics, including *The Immigrant*, and *The Kid*. There will also be sequences from *The Big Parade*, the new collection of old pictures which Charles Chaplin has recently been working on in London. He has composed two hours of new music as sound track to accompany *A Dog's Life*, *Shoulder Arms*, and *The Pilgrim*, and we can expect shots from each of these laughter-makers. The *Big Parade* will be in the cinemas in about a month's time.

The TV programme will also show glimpses of his later films.

Charlie Chaplin will not himself appear, but we shall meet one of his closest friends of his pre-film



Charlie Chaplin in City Lights

days, veteran comedian George Doonan, who toured with Charlie on the British music halls as far back as 1906.

The puppet conjurer

ONE of the few puppets in the world that can do conjuring tricks is Figure-Flinging Moonshoe Mock-Tow. Puppeteer Jan Bussell, who made him, has been telling me about Mock-Tow's first appearance in BBC Children's TV next Sunday. He will be the puppet compère for Mandarin Mysteries, one of six different programmes in the Hogarth Puppet Circus repertoire. He performs his tricks in between the other acts.

"Among the puppets we are most proud of is a Chinese girl," Jan told me. "She leaps out from a lotus blossom and proceeds to spin plates. Viewers will also see our new bell dancers as well as a fine selection of assorted demons and a very likeable Chinese dragon."

All these puppets have been constructed by Jan Bussell and his wife, Ann Hogarth, in a workshop at the end of their garden in Potters Bar, Middlesex. The puppet theatre, with a stage 15 feet wide, will be set up in the Lime Grove studios.

Dr Peppercorn is up to his old magic

BBC CHILDREN'S HOUR is giving a new lease of life to Dr. Peppercorn, a rascally old alchemist in the reign of the first Queen Elizabeth. He and his son Robin will be heard on Saturday in the first of four light-hearted plays dug out from the recordings library of Midland Region. They were very popular when broadcast some years ago.

The author, David Scott Daniel, gets the pair into one serious scrape after another, but thanks to alchemy and other forms of magic, they always emerge unscathed.

Saturday's play is called Dr. Peppercorn and the Golden Pomegranate. The other plays will follow at monthly intervals.

OLDEST PICTURE OF ENGLISH HISTORY



A section of the Bayeux Tapestry

(French Government Tourist Office)

IN the caption room at BBC Television's Ealing film studios the other day I was puzzled by a strip of transparent material, about a foot long and four inches deep, looking remarkably like a piece of the Bayeux Tapestry.

And that is exactly what it turned out to be—a copy of one of the earliest historical "documentaries" in existence. The Tapestry, still preserved in Bayeux Museum, tells in a 231-foot-long strip the whole story of the Norman conquest of England.

Why not project it on television? This fine idea occurred the other day to Brian Branston,

producer of *Animal, Vegetable, Mineral?* The strip I saw is part of the experiment.

Mr. Branston told me that if the scheme goes through, he would like to unfurl the tapestry picture before the cameras at the next Battle of Hastings anniversary in September.

The 72 scenes include William the Conqueror's fleet tossing on the Channel waves.

Focus on swordfighting

FOCUS, in BBC Children's TV, is to show sword fighting since Roman times in a new fortnightly series beginning next Monday.

Actor Terry Baker and others in costumes of the time have been filming on location. Producer Leonard Chase gave me this list of episodes: *Gladiator* in the Roman arena; broadsword and buckler in *Merry England*; back-alley fighting with swords and lanterns; three-cornered fight between musketeers; early 18th-century duel with full ceremony; and, finally, modern fencing.

Each fight, lasting about four minutes, ends when the victor has disarmed his opponent. Viewers are then switched to the studio where Terry Baker and other experts will discuss the contest.

Young mimmer to old muddler

NO one has a busier time than Tony Bateman in the new Children's TV programme *Record Shop*, which was due to begin in Associated-Rediffusion last Friday.

As I mentioned when giving first news of the programme a fortnight ago, Tony mimes and dances to the tunes put over by Redvers Kyle and Steve Race. But he also has the rôle of the absent-minded old gentleman who wanders around the Record Shop getting in everyone's way. The make-up department do a first-class job transforming Tony from a young mimmer to an old muddler.

YOUNG HANDIWORKERS LIKE SHORT CUTS

THE Chief Constable of a famous south coast resort wrote a fortnight ago to Barry Bucknell, the Short Cuts man of BBC Television, asking for more details of the anti-burglar gadgets described in a recent programme. This request was only one of about 2000 that have come in since Mr. Bucknell began his current series in the autumn.

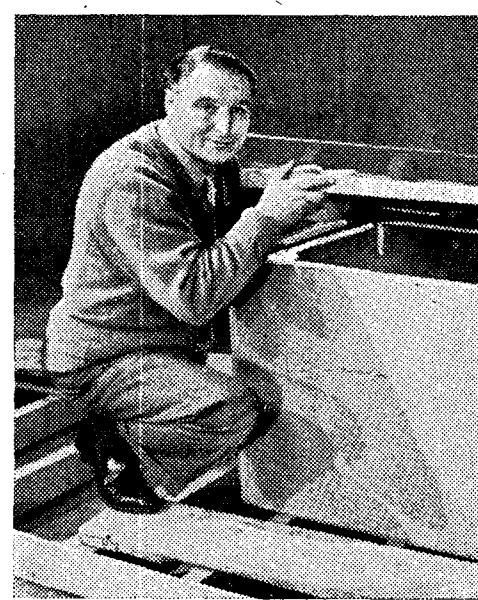
Producer John Furness tells me that many letters come from boys and girls. The number would be even higher if more young viewers remembered to switch on at 6.30 on Tuesdays, after the News, when *Short Cuts* is on the air.

Although Barry Bucknell is at the moment dealing with interior decoration, he will soon be taking viewers into the open air for hints on building sheds and laying garden paths. In recent weeks his programmes have included toy-

making—a fort for boys and dolls' house for girls. Incidentally the dolls' house made in the studio was presented to the children's wing of University College Hospital, London.

A famous firm of model-makers are using the design he showed on TV for a miniature railway table running round the walls of a room.

The biggest single items described in *Short Cuts* have been a home-built aeroplane and a sailing boat. The boat, by the way, is named *Short Cuts*.



Barry Bucknell lags a cold water tank

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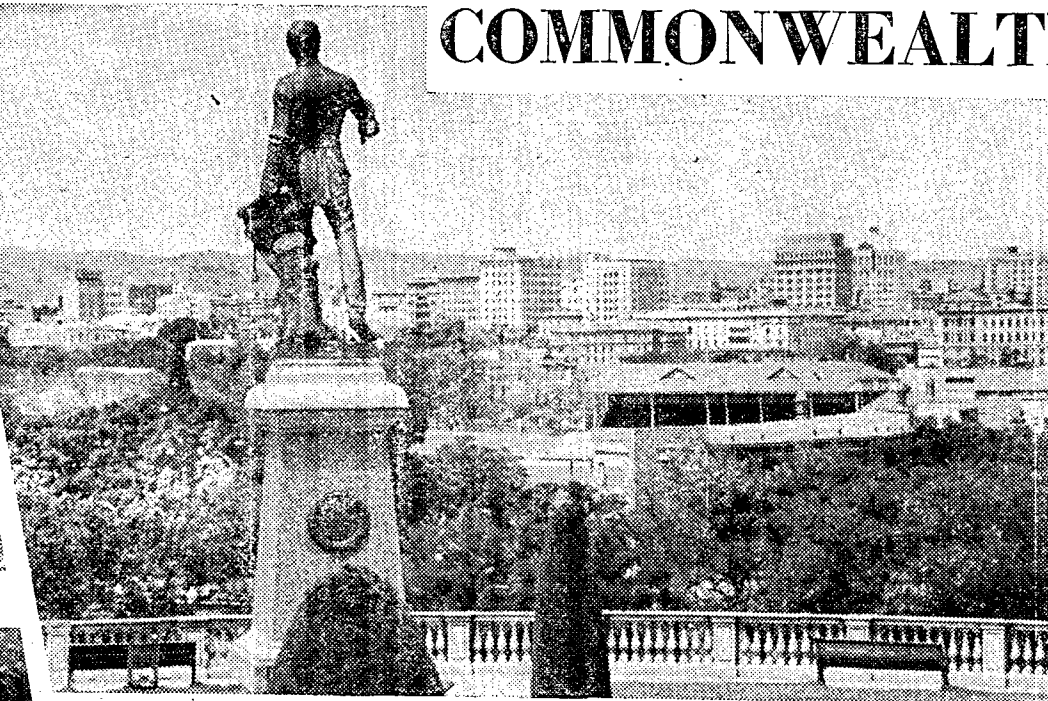


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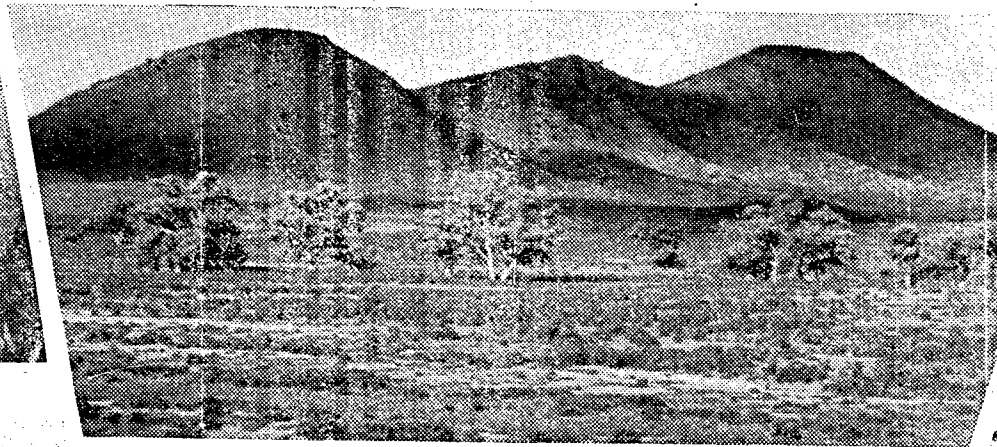
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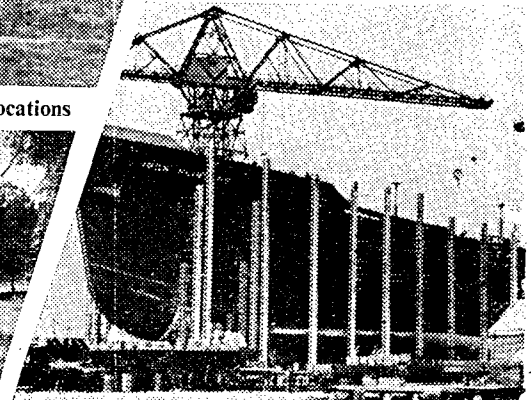
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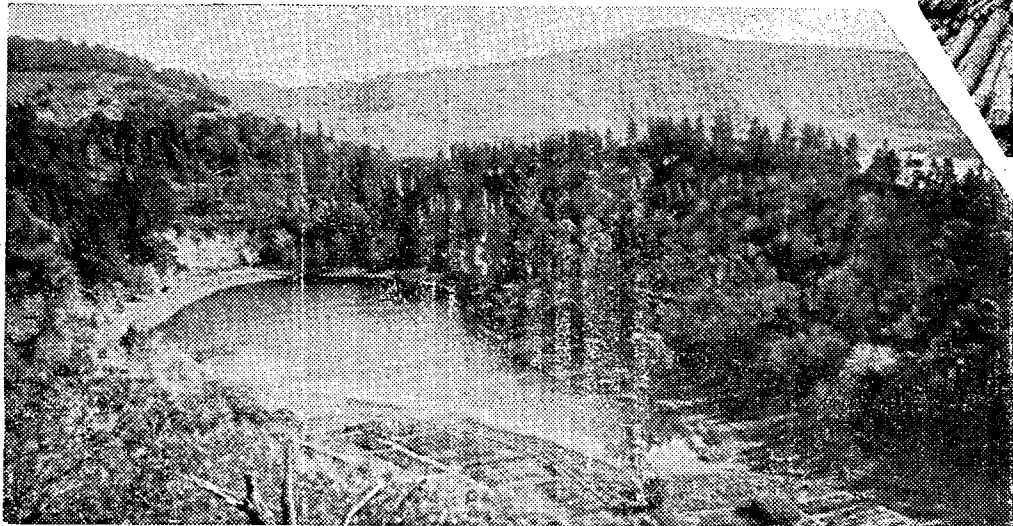
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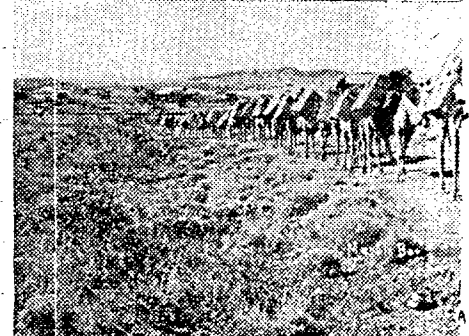
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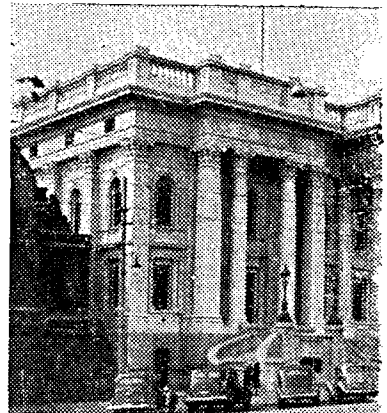


South Australian salt supplies

ONE of Australia's six States, thriving South Australia has an area of 380,070 square miles—more than four times that of the United Kingdom. The population numbers about 900,000, of whom more than half live in the capital, the city of Adelaide.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA has a poor rainfall and the only big river is the Murray. But Government undertakings provide regular water supplies for 94 per cent of the population, and irrigation schemes, based on the Murray, have brought thousands of acres under cultivation.

IN 1802 the English navigator Matthew Flinders sailed along the coast of South Australia, discovering the great Spencer Gulf and St. Vincent Gulf. The first permanent settlers, 546 in number, arrived in 1836 and founded Adelaide, which they named after William the Fourth's queen. The



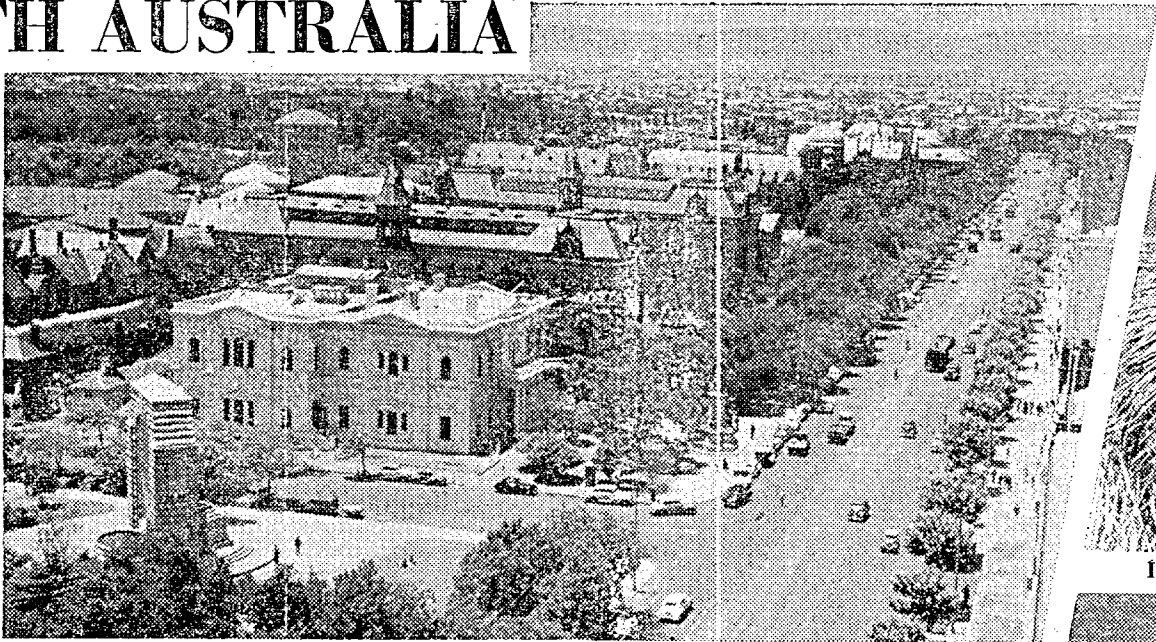
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new settlement became a Crown Colony in 1841, was granted self-government in 1856, and joined the Federation of Australia in 1901. The State has its own Parliament, consisting of the Legislative Council and the House of Assembly.

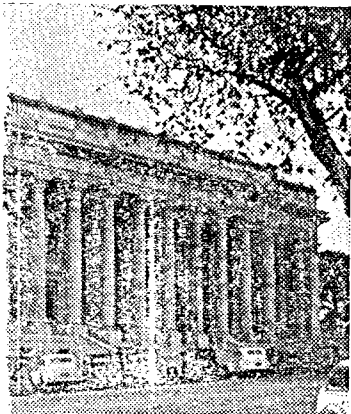
This century has seen the growth of many industries, including shipbuilding, but agriculture is still the chief occupation. The most valuable products are wool, wheat, barley, hides, meat, fresh and dried fruit, and oats. South Australia also has over 60,000 acres of vineyards. Mineral wealth includes uranium, talc, limestone and dolomite (both used in steel production), coal, and salt. Some 4065 factories producing a wide variety of goods employ nearly 100,000 people. Fishing is a growing industry, and timber is obtained from over 121,000 acres of cultivated pine forests.



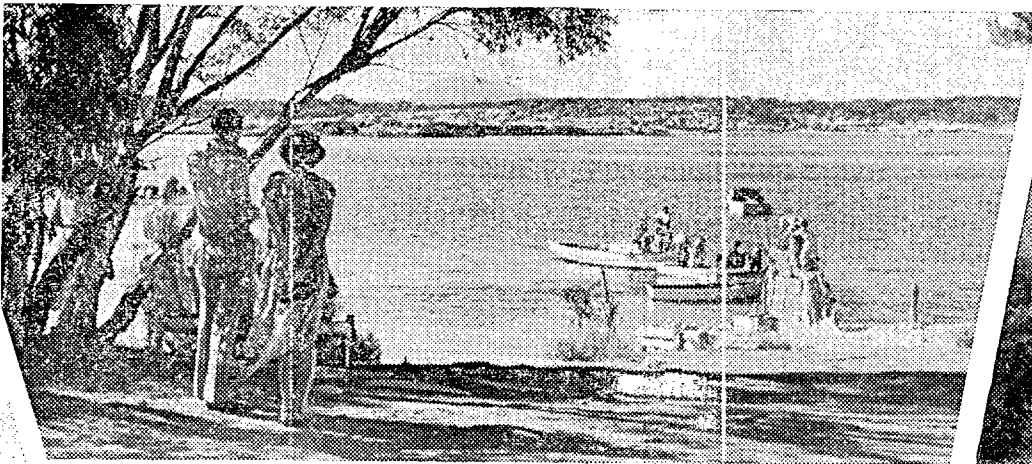
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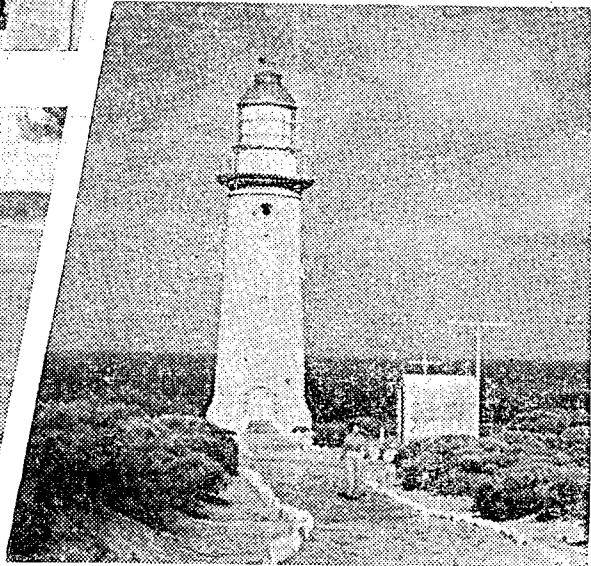
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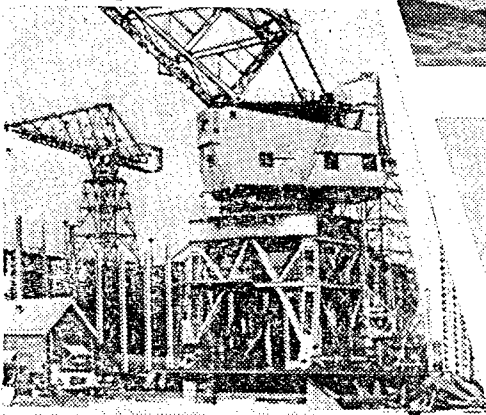
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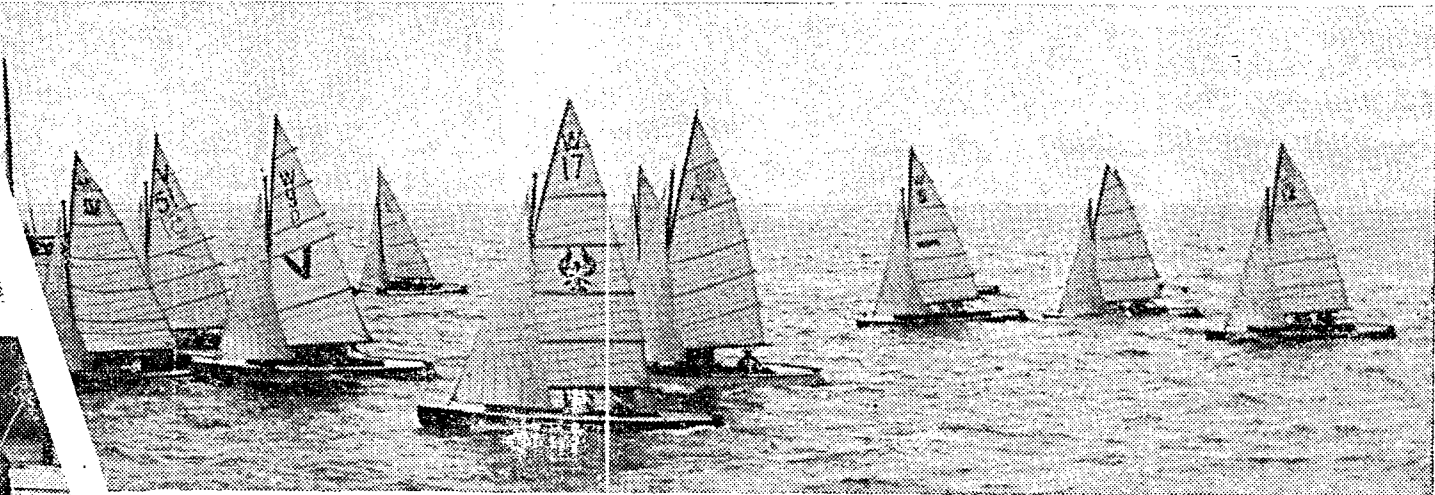
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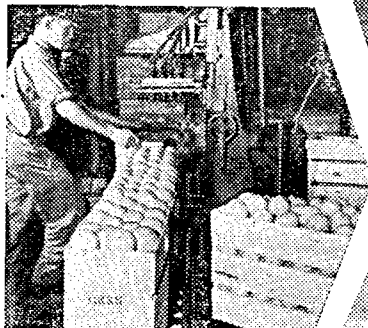
Adelaide, near the head of Spencer Gulf



Yachting at Glenelg, a seaside suburb of Adelaide on the Gulf of St. Vincent



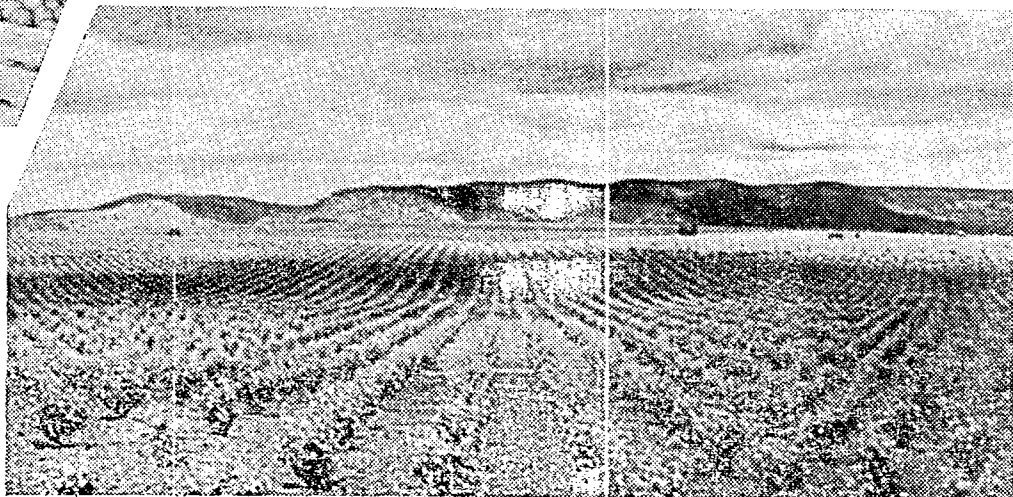
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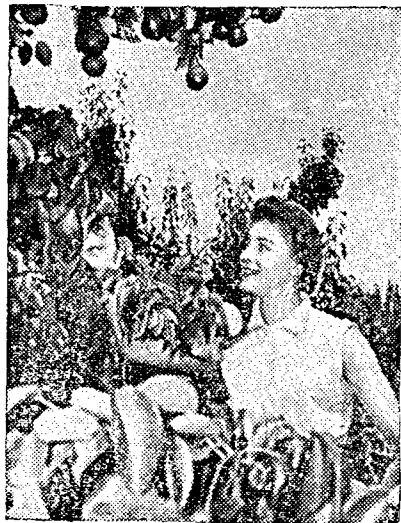
Packing oranges at Berri



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South Australia, with 60,000 acres under grapes, is called the Vineyard of the Commonwealth



A bumper crop of pears

FLOWERS THAT BLOOM IN APRIL SHOWERS

By the end of an average April the keen "flower watcher" can expect to have seen over a hundred different kinds of wild flower in bloom. All the March flowers of which I wrote recently will still be in bloom, and many more will start up as the weeks go by.

One of the most attractive is the marsh marigold, also known as kingcup, a giant buttercup that loves damp and marshy places. It has glossy, dark green, kidney-shaped leaves, and cup-like flowers up to an inch across. If you examine them closely you will see that the flowers have no green sepals. This is because it has in fact no petals; what look like the petals are actually bright yellow sepals.

THE REAL BUTTERCUPS

Several of our real buttercups also usually start to flower in April. The bulbous buttercup comes first, and you can always tell it by the down-turned sepals and slightly-furrowed flower stalks. It is called "bulbous" because the base of the stem is swollen, though it has not got a true bulb like the bluebell and daffodil.

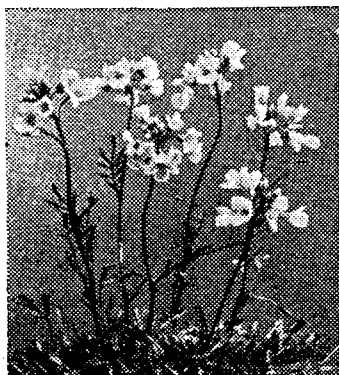
Next to start flowering is usually the tall meadow buttercup, with sepals that are not turned down and flower-stalks unfurrowed. The third of our three commonest buttercups, the creeping buttercup, has up-turned sepals like the meadow buttercup, but furrowed flower-stalks like the bulbous buttercup. It differs from both of them in having long, creeping runners.

These three buttercups all grow in grassy places, though the creeping buttercup also likes damp and muddy sites and is occasionally a tiresome garden weed.

A fourth most attractive kind of buttercup flower in late April is one that is to be found growing in woodland. This is the wood goldilocks, which is easily told by the fact that most individual flowers have one or more petals imperfect, and sometimes indeed may appear to have hardly any petals at all.

One of the most characteristic April flowers is the cuckoo flower or lady's smock, so called because it comes into flower at just about the same time as the cuckoo first calls.

Its flowers may be either white or pale violet and have the typical four petals, arranged crosswise, of the Crucifer or Cabbage Family. Cuckoo flower grows in fairly damp grassland, such as meadows beside a river.



Cuckoo flower, or lady's smock

Two more very typical flowers of April, both white, grow in hedgerows. These are the hedge garlic and greater stitchwort. Hedge garlic, also called Jack-by-the-hedge, is also a crucifer, but its flowers are much smaller than those of the cuckoo flower and are always white. It is the only white-

flowered plant with garlic-smelling leaves that grows in hedgerows in spring, so it is easy to be sure of it.

Greater stitchwort is a member of the Pink family, as its jointed stems and opposite pairs narrow undivided leaves show. Its larger star-like white flowers are very similar to those of its close relative, the common chickweed.

Yet another common April flower with white blooms takes us back to the Buttercup family, where we started. This is the water crowfoot, which often covers ponds and slow-moving streams with its yellow-centred white flowers, the centres being the yellow stamens.

RICHARD FITTER

Easter Eggs for C N readers

Congratulations to the following entrants in C N Competition No. 21, who each received an Easter Egg: Jane Ellison, Petts Wood; Brian Jefferson, London, S.W.12; Susan Jelfs, Birmingham; Susan Parrott, Welwyn Garden City; and Nigel Smith, Cranbrook. Five-shilling Postal Orders went to these runners-up: Valerie Barrow, Birmingham; Hilary Cooper, Coventry; Jennifer Cundy, Windlesham; Judith Lumb, London, S.W.20; Christine Nott, Nottingham; Janet Moore, London, N.8; Janet McKeon, London, N.W.9; Linda Prince, Worcester Park; Margaret Tomlins, Rickmansworth; and John Varley, Pinner.

Solution: 1. As dry as a bone; 2. As slow as a tortoise; 3. As light as a feather; 4. As red as a rose; 5. As wise as an owl; 6. As blind as a bat; 7. As hard as nails; 8. As quick as lightning.

LOOKING AT THE SKY

Ever-changing face of Jupiter

THE planet Jupiter may now be seen low in the south-east after about 11.30 Summer-Time. It is much brighter than any of the stars, and so cannot be mistaken.

Though at present Jupiter is late in appearing, it rises about 30 minutes earlier each week. At the moment it is a little way to the right of the bright star Beta, in the constellation of Scorpius,



Jupiter's belts and moons

but during the next couple of months it will appear to travel away from this star and toward the west.

It will soon be possible to note the extent that Jupiter in the east rivals Venus in the west, as both will be seen in the sky together and apparently approaching each other.

Meanwhile, Jupiter will continue to approach us, appearing bigger and brighter; at present it is 418 million miles distant, rather more than four times the present distance of Venus, which is also coming nearer.

Nevertheless, Jupiter provides more objects of interest than Venus. Chief among these are the cloud belts and the ever-changing panorama provided by the planet's four great Galilean Moons. Consequently, the spectacle of Jupiter seen through a telescope never continues the same for any length of time. The rotation of the planet in only 9 hours and 50 minutes causes

features, such as cyclonic storms, to travel across Jupiter's disc in less than five hours.

Jupiter's "Galilean Moons" are named after the famous astronomer who discovered them on January 7, 1610, through the first telescope to be constructed. These four moons exhibit all the signs of having, in the very distant past, been part of Jupiter when this great planet was pouring out its own heat and light. The other eight satellites are relatively very small bodies, none over 100 miles in diameter and some calculated to be no more than 10 or 12 miles. Such bodies are quite invisible except through powerful telescopes.

The "Galilean Moons" were named Io, Europa, Ganymede, and Callisto, but now it is usual for astronomers to indicate them by the Roman numerals, I, II, III, and IV. Ganymede, the biggest, and Callisto, are both greater than our Moon, while Io and Europa are slightly smaller.

SPEEDY MOONS

They travel round Jupiter's great sphere much faster than does our Moon round the Earth. Io takes 1 day, 18 hours, and 28 minutes; Europa 3 days, 13 hours, and 14 minutes; Ganymede 7 days, 3 hours, and 43 minutes; and Callisto 16 days, 16 hours, and 32 minutes.

The picture gives some idea of what may be seen through even a small telescope of but two inches aperture. With the Moons' relative positions continually changing, it sometimes happens that all four will appear on one side of Jupiter. This will occur about 2 to 3 a.m. on April 29.

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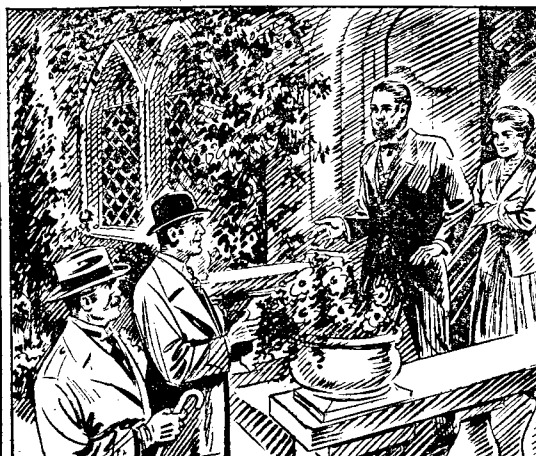
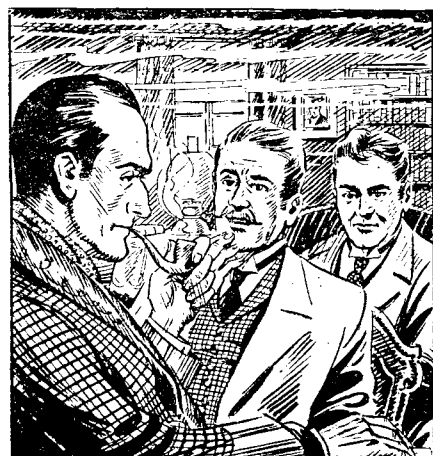
THE HOUND OF THE BASKERVILLES A SHERLOCK HOLMES ADVENTURE

Sir Charles Baskerville of Dartmoor lived in fear of a ghostly hound which was said to have brought violent death to many of his ancestors. One day he himself was

found dead but unwounded. On the ground beside him were the claw marks of an enormous dog. Then, his heir, young Sir Henry Baskerville, received a message

warning him to keep away from the moor. Sherlock Holmes took up the case and found that the young baronet was being followed by a black-bearded stranger.

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INSTALMENT 2. Holmes described the black-bearded man as "a foeman worthy of our steel." He said he had to stay in London but wanted Dr. Watson to go to Baskerville Hall and report to him from there. "This is an ugly, dangerous business," he said. "Keep your revolver near you."

When Dr. Watson and Sir Henry arrived at Baskerville Hall, in a lonely part of Dartmoor, the door was opened by a man with a black beard! "Welcome, Sir Henry," he said solemnly. He was Barrymore, the butler in this house of strange fate. His wife helped to carry their baggage in without a word, and, feeling uneasy, Watson and Sir Henry entered.

"It isn't a very cheerful place," said Sir Henry, looking round. He was used to life in America and Canada. In the dining room he found portraits of his ancestors staring down on him—including Hugo, whose evil deeds had started the legend of the Hound of the Baskervilles. In the background hovered Barrymore.

Before going to bed Watson stood by his window gazing over the dark spaces of Dartmoor. What was behind the tragic mystery of Sir Charles Baskerville's death? One of the first things he must find out was where had Barrymore, the bearded butler, been since the tragedy?

Was Barrymore the man who followed Sir Henry in London? See next week's instalment

A new serial adapted from the Children's Film Foundation production

THE DAWN KILLER

By Monica Edwards

An unknown killer-dog has been attacking sheep on Romney Marsh, and Tom Hoddys' big cross-bred, Lion, is generally suspected. Then the Hawkes' collie, Glen, is missing after winning the Kent Cup at the Sheepdog Trials, and Colin and Anna find him lame and wounded, beside a dead ewe. They bring him home, not mentioning the dead ewe, or that they were seen by young Joe Hoddys. Next morning Mr. Hoddys comes to the house and accuses Glen of being the killer.

4. Visiting the Hoddys

"AND where did your kids find him last night? Standing over a sheep what he'd killed. If you don't believe me, ask them!"

"That's absolute nonsense, Hoddys, and you know it." Mr. Hawkes' voice was quiet.

The dealer grew more excited. "Ask 'em, I say! And tell 'em about the other one what was run down and killed on Jake's place about dawn this morning." He glared triumphantly at Colin and Anna.

Mr. Hawkes turned gravely to his children.

Hoddys! I think I know you two, and I know my dog."

He and Eli turned the ponies and Colin opened the gate, watching them ride through it and away across the Home field with Shep following sedately behind them. In the farmhouse doorway Glen stood watching, too, his ears and tail depressed with sadness. Colin and Anna looked at each other solemnly and then walked back across the yard in silence to the wistful collie.

For a time they sat on the long bench under the kitchen window, dutifully keeping Glen at rest and under their eyes. Colin frowned anxiously, twiddling his thumbs and staring at nothing. Then he suddenly burst out; "Well, it was true, what I said. He wasn't standing by a ewe that he'd killed, because he didn't kill it."

"I know. But I can't help thinking that Dad mightn't see it like that, if he knew we'd kept something back from him. And he's sure to find the ewe, even if he's only got Mr. Hoddys' word for our finding Glen beside it."

Colin was twiddling again but he said nothing in reply.

it? Because he can't be far away; their shepherd pony's still in the field; you can see it from here."

Colin said: "I'll ask Cathy now."

The Hoddys' farmhouse was a squalid place. Anna looked at its jumble of junk that Tom Hoddys collected to sell and her heart sank low. But Colin walked firmly up the ash-path and knocked on the door.

There was silence for a minute, and then the door opened about twelve inches, revealing Mrs. Hoddys leaning forward in the crack. She said: "Yes?" which Colin and Anna found discouraging, and looked at them in her shrewd gipsy way.

Colin answered her politely.

No sign of Lion

"Good morning, Mrs. Hoddys. We came to ask after Lion. Glen's been in a fight and, as he and Lion have fought before, we thought it might be him this time. We hope he isn't much hurt?"

Mrs. Hoddys straightened herself defensively, revealing behind her the untidy kitchen in which Fred's lurcher dog was sprawled on the hearth, but there was no sign of Lion or Joe, or either of the other Hoddys.

"Nothing wrong with our Lion—is there, Fred?" she shouted over Colin's shoulder towards an invisible Fred in the junk pile. "Your dog must've bin fighting elsewhere." Though you do know, don't you," she added pointedly, "that a good big ram can do a lotter damage to a dog what's worrying the sheep?"

Anna said hotly: "Glen would never worry sheep! He simply isn't that kind of dog; he—"

Slip of the tongue

"No, I know!" Mrs. Hoddys nodded knowingly. "They never are, are they when they're your own dog?"

Colin tried hard to be civil. "Since Lion isn't hurt at all, you won't mind letting us see him, will you, Mrs. Hoddys? Because we know that the dog Glen was fighting must have been: there was blood on Glen's—" He stopped himself, biting his lip, but Mrs. Hoddys nodded again delightedly.

"There was, indeed, was there? Well now, what a pity you can't see Lion, just to reassure yourselves, but he's out with our Tom, looking the outlying flock."

"Mr. Hoddys usually takes the pony," Colin said squarely; and then came a small whine from somewhere behind the house. Anna looked up, listening, then looked at Colin. It wasn't the lurcher; they had seen him inside the kitchen. Mrs. Hoddys observed the look.

"The wind don't arf whine through that telly aerial, times, out here on the Marsh. Well, I

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Mr. Hawkes and Eli set out to examine the dead ewe

"Colin, Anna, is it true?"

Anna gazed back at her father and then grimly at Hoddys, but Colin suddenly said very quietly: "It isn't true." Well, it isn't, he said to himself doggedly; he didn't kill the ewe.

Tom Hoddys pointed a trembling finger.

"That's what he says! And you'll take his word for it." He turned to go, and swung round again. "You'll find the dead ewe near the hawthorns!" Then he strode away over the field.

Jack Hawkes glanced at his watch.

"We're late, Eli." Mounting one of the ponies he turned to Colin as he settled himself in the saddle. "Look after Glen, won't you? And—don't worry about those

"I do wish you'd stop twiddling your thumbs; it distracts me. Why can't you practise that difficult knot you were doing? The Turk's Head, or something."

"I've lost my string somewhere. It was my special piece, that I liked."

A few minutes later he turned and looked at her suddenly.

"I say, Anna! If Glen and Lion were fighting, Lion would have marks on him, too, wouldn't he? Supposing we go and try to see him! Cathy would keep her eye on Glen."

Anna considered this for a moment.

"I suppose we could try. If they won't let us see him it'll rather look as if he is hurt, won't

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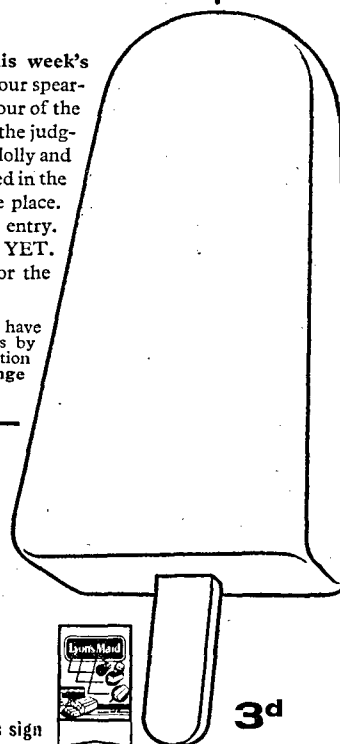
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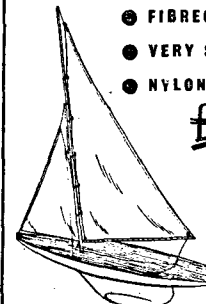
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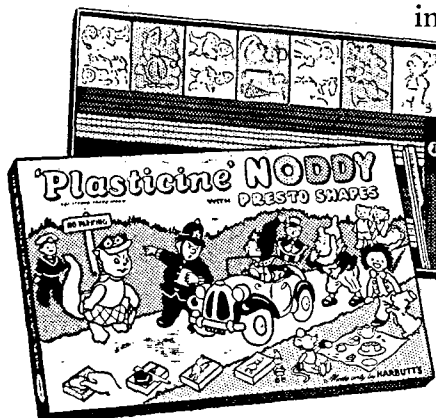
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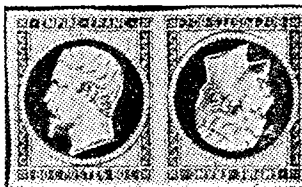
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THE WORLD OF STAMPS

ALTHOUGH the first postage stamp, the Penny Black of 1840, was issued in Britain, it seems probable that the hobby of stamp collecting had its origins in France or Belgium. At all events, many philatelic terms are French, and the word "philately" itself was coined by a Frenchman. Derived from two Greek roots, it means "love of that which exempts a person from paying tax," a reference to the fact that a stamp is simply a receipt for postage paid.

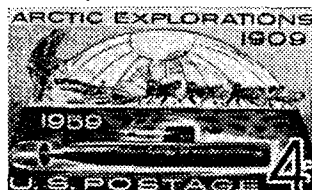
"Tête-bêche" (literally top to bottom) is a French term used to describe two stamps, one of which is printed upside down in relation to the other. Sometimes this arrangement is deliberate, as in certain German, Hungarian, Swiss, and Italian issues, but occasionally it is the result of a mistake by the printer.

Such errors are sometimes very



valuable. Pictured here is a tête-bêche pair of French stamps issued during the reign of the Emperor Napoleon III. A similar pair was sold a few years ago for £380.

It is 50 years this month since the North Pole was reached for the first time. An American 4-cent stamp has been issued in honour of the explorer who accomplished this historic feat, Captain Robert E. Peary, of the United States Navy. It shows a

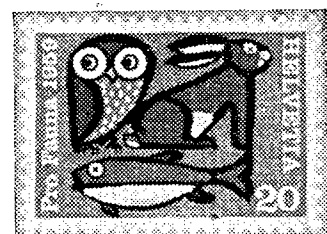


map of the North Pole area and an Arctic explorer with his dog-team. Below them is a picture of the American nuclear-powered submarine Nautilus, which voyaged under the North Pole last year.

EVERY spring the Swiss Post Office issues a special series of stamps to advertise some of the exhibitions and other attractions which visitors to Switzerland will be able to enjoy during the holiday season.

This year's series of four stamps has just appeared. One marks the 400th anniversary of the University of Geneva, and another advertises the national philatelic exhibition to be held at St. Gall from August 21 to 30.

The 20-centime stamp pictured here, pleads for the protection of



Switzerland's wild creatures. Printed in four bright colours, the design shows an owl, a hare, and a fish, all cleverly fitted into a rectangular pattern.

CONSIDERING how serious the problem is, it is surprising that so few stamps have been issued to emphasize the need for care on the roads. Three years ago one of the Swiss publicity



stamps was devoted to road safety. Its gay design in yellow, black, and red showed two children on a pedestrian crossing.

West Germany and Argentina have also issued Safety First stamps in recent years, while in Britain we occasionally have postmarks with slogans such as "Mind how you go on the road!"

C. W. HILL

THE DAWN KILLER

Continued from page 9

won't keep you. But if you want a bit of advice; keep that dog of yours shut up. People don't take to a killer not in these parts. And I only say so for your own good. I've heard talk... Shut the gate, won't you?" She moved back into the house, slowly but deliberately closing the door.

Colin and Anna looked at each other silently again and turned to walk down the path.

When he and Anna were out of earshot Colin suddenly burst out: "He must have been hurt, or they wouldn't have hidden him. I know that was Lion whining out at the back."

Anna nodded. "At least," she said, "going to the Hoddys' does make your own home seem simply wonderful."

At their own farmyard gate Colin bent to lift the catch. Looking over into the yard Anna suddenly began to grin very widely.

Herding the ducks

"I say, look at Glen! He's herding the ducks!"

Colin glanced up, swinging the gate, and beginning to grin himself. In a corner of the yard was the whole flock of ducks—at least, the whole flock except for one Khaki Campbell which had made a bid for escape and was being firmly shepherded back by Glen. Then, having neatly collected his reluctant charges once more he lay down in front of them in the manner of one who says: any more of that and there will be trouble.

Anna was laughing aloud now. "Isn't he wonderful? You can

tell he's a true shepherd dog. He simply must herd something, and if he's kept from the sheep the first thing he does is find something else."

Her voice brought Cathy to the kitchen door.

"Wonderful? It's driving me silly. Three times I've dropped my sewing to come out and call him off. The ducks can't get away to lay."

Colin tried to stop grinning. Throwing himself on the bench beside Anna he leaned his arms on his knees and stared out across the Marsh. Then suddenly his face lightened.

"There's Dad and Eli coming back!"

"Dad will laugh about the ducks, anyway."

Tell-tale string

Colin jumped up and went to open the gate, and his father and Eli rode through with Shep behind them. The old looker went past with his usual gentle smile but his father had only a grave nod. They dismounted in silence and Eli led the ponies into the stable.

"Dad!" Anna came down the yard with Glen. "He's been herding the ducks! Cathy thought it was awful, but he is a wonderful dog to think of it, isn't he?"

Her father looked at her quietly, and then past her to Colin. "I think you may have dropped this." He opened his hand and inside it was the lost knot-string, with a sheep-shank still tied in the middle of it. "I found it beside the dead ewe, near the hawthorns."

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PUZZLE PARADE

FLOWERS THAT BLOOM IN THE SPRING

The names of six flowering bulbs have been given below. But in each case the beginning of each name has been separated from the end, and they have become jumbled. Can you sort them out?

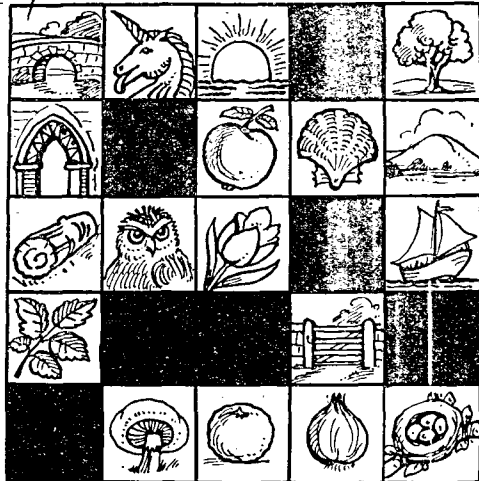
HYA, odil, tu, lla, cro, cinth, daff, cus, narc, sci, lip, issus.

RIDDLE-ME-REE

MY first is in seven but not in eight,
My second's in early and also in late,
My third is in station and also in train,
My fourth is in window but not in pane,
My fifth is in honey and also in bee,
My sixth is in meadow and also in lea,
My seventh's in dozen but not in score—
My whole you may find at the edge of the shore!

PICTURE CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Look at each illustration carefully. When you have the name of the object pictured, write the initial letter on the picture, just as if you were filling in a crossword puzzle.



MUSIC EVERYWHERE

Can you say with which countries the following musical instruments are associated?

BALALAIKA; alpenhorn; bagpipes; castanets; samisen.

WORD LADDER

CAN you change **HEAT** into **COLD** in four steps, changing one letter at a time?

LUCKY DIP

JUST CUCKOO

ALMOST everywhere in Europe there are strange ideas and superstitions about the cuckoo. The first person in a village to hear its call is said to be promised a long life. In the case of a girl, a speedy marriage is indicated. When cuckoos call loudly it is said in many places that there will soon be a thunderstorm. Then there is the old idea that in the winter the cuckoo turns into a hawk. This is certainly not true, for the bird flies south to warmer lands when winter approaches. The idea may have arisen because when on the wing a cuckoo resembles a hawk.

FIRST ATTEMPT

My book says "Make a Rabbit Hutch,"
I wonder if I could?
I've got a hammer and some nails,
Some odds and ends of wood.
It's not as easy as it looks!
I've bent a nail or two,
My thumb keeps getting in the way,
I'm all stuck up with glue.
Somehow it's very wobbly.
I think I'd better wait,
Till Daddy comes and helps me
To make it stand up straight.

JUST A FEW WORDS

HERE is an entertaining way to increase your knowledge of words. Each numbered sentence below is followed by three answers or comments you might make; but, in each case, only one is correct and shows that you have understood the meaning of the word in italics. To answer five or six correctly is very good.

Answers are given in column 5

- I voted by *proxy*.
A—Sheer guess-work.
B—Someone acted on my behalf.
C—Against the rules.
- The organist played a *requiem*.
A—Funeral hymn.
B—Special request.
C—Old favourite.
- I feared that he would *encroach*.
A—Intrude.
B—Break down.
C—Run away.
- The villagers were having a *siesta*.
A—Gay carnival.
B—Afternoon nap.
C—Rebellious uprising.
- He told a *lurid* tale.
A—Enticingly attractive.
B—Clearly explained.
C—Sensational.
- My superiors gave me *carte blanche*.
A—A severe lecture.
B—Detailed instructions.
C—Freedom of action.

ALARMING MOMENT FOR BILLY

THERE was a great to-do the other morning when Billy and his mother and father overslept.

Everyone rushed around hastily dressing and complaining that they would be late—Daddy for the office, Billy for school, and Mummy for the hairdresser.

"That wretched alarm clock," groaned Mummy. "I really must get it repaired. I expect it only needs a good clean."

Billy took no notice of the remark at the time, but he remembered it when he came home from school that afternoon and saw the clock on the sideboard.

"Mummy's forgotten to take it again," he said to himself. "But if it only needs a clean I should be able to do that."

He had no trouble in getting the back off. Then he stared at the springs and wheels and cogs inside. "I wonder which bit makes the alarm go off?"

The more he looked at all those cogs and things the less he liked the idea of trying to clean them.

And when he heard Paul calling to him from the back garden he decided that he would put the back on and leave it to the watch mender, after all.

He quickly put the back on and went to replace the clock on the sideboard. But as he was doing so it slipped out of his hand and crashed on to the floor. Fortunately, it fell on the carpet, and Billy heaved a sigh of relief as he saw that nothing was broken.

But as he picked it up the alarm started ringing away. Billy pressed the plunger and the alarm stopped. He lifted it again—and the alarm rang loud and clear.

"Well, I never," he muttered. "I've mended it!"

Having got over his surprise, he strolled into the kitchen. "No need to get the clock mended," he said airily to his mother. "I've mended it myself. It's quite easy if you know the knack."

Then he went outside quickly—before Mummy could start asking awkward questions!

FINE FELLER

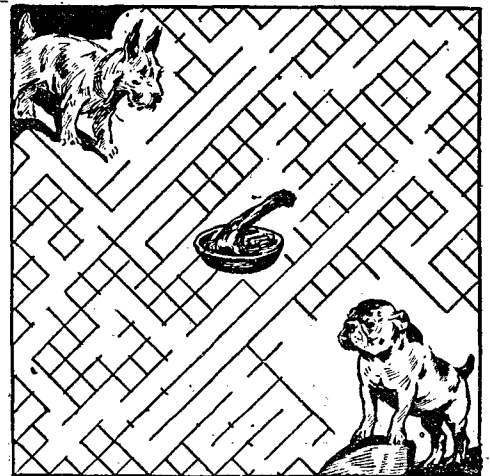
A **WOODMAN** who once lived at Wapping,
Was clever at pruning and chopping.
He could fell mighty trees with remarkable ease,
And was equally skilful at lopping.

VERY CLEVER

HERE is a catch which, because it is so simple to answer, will usually catch a friend. Ask him which two numbers multiplied together will make seven. The answer, of course, is merely seven and one, but it is surprising how many miss the obvious answer.

WHICH POOR DOGGIE GOT THE BONE?

SCOTTIE and Butch saw the bone at the same time. They raced to get it, but only one dog found a way to reach it. Can you find the way taken by the lucky dog?



FIGURING CORRECTLY

TAKE the number of your house (say 12), double it (24), add five (29), multiply by 50 (1450), add your age (say 11), making a total of 1461; then add the number of days in the year (making 1826), then subtract 615. The answer is 1211, the first part being the number of your house, and the last two figures giving your age.

No matter what numbers and ages are linked, they will always appear in the answer.

MY CAT

HE's just a common tabby cat,
With great big topaz eyes,
He's not a show-cat beauty
But he's very very wise.

He likes a bowl of creamy milk,
A meal of fish or meat,
Then sets to work to wash himself,
From whiskers down to feet.

He never does a stroke of work,
He's never caught a mouse,
He slumbers in the best armchair,
And thinks he owns the house.

ANSWERS TO PUZZLES

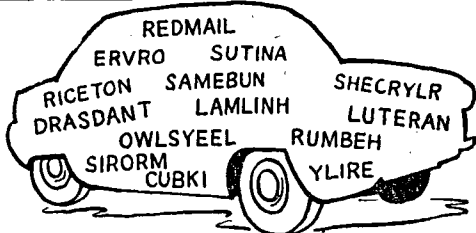
Flowers that bloom in the spring: Hyacinth; daffodil; tulip; crocus; narcissus; scilla. Riddle-me-ree: Seaweed. Jumbled cars: Daimler; Rover; Austin; Citroen; Sunbeam; Chrysler; Standard; Hillman; Renault; Wolseley; Humber; Morris; Buick; Riley. Picture crossword puzzle: Last week's answer: Across: 1. Bus; 2. Ash; 3. Ball; 4. Moon; 5. Cat; 6. Music; 7. Everywhere; 8. Russia; 9. Switzerland; 10. Scotland; 11. Spain; 12. Japan; 13. All pans; 14. Pandora; 15. Panama; 16. Pannier; 17. Panorama; 18. Pannier; 19. Panic; 20. Pick this flower; 21. Honesty; 22. Word ladder: Heat, bead, held, bold, cold.

JUST A FEW WORDS

- B Proxy is authority given to a person empowering him to act or vote on behalf of another. (From Latin *procurare*, to manage.)
- A Requiem is a funeral hymn; service or music for the dead. (From the first words of a Latin hymn *requiem aeternam*, eternal rest.)
- A To encroach is to intrude into the rights or territory of others. (From Old French *encrochier*, to hook or seize.)
- B A siesta is a short nap taken at mid-day in hot countries. (A Spanish word, from Latin *sexta hora*, the sixth hour, that is noon, the hottest time of the day.)
- C Lurid means glaring or ghastly in colour, and so sensational. (From Latin *luridus*, sallow.)
- C Carte blanche is full freedom of action. (French for "white," that is, "blank paper"—a form entrusted to a person to fill up as he pleases.)

JUMBLER CARS

THE names of 14 makes of cars are given here in jumbled form. Can you sort them out?



ALL PANS

The answer to each of the following clues begins with the word Pan.

WOMAN who, according to Greek mythology, was the first on earth.
Famous canal.
Small, and very attractive flower.
General view.
Basket carried by a beast of burden.
Terrible fright.

PICK THIS FLOWER

THIS flower's name gives example to all,
It will bloom in the shade of a hedge or a wall.
Its circular seeds are of silvery-white,
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KANGAROO CLUB FOR JUMPERS

BRITISH athletes have formed a new organisation—the Kangaroo Club. Membership is open to athletes who specialise in the long jump and the hop, step, and jump. Ken Wilmshurst, Britain's greatest triple-jumper, is President.

The club will not be a very big one, for the qualifying distances are high—23 feet 3 inches for the long jump, and 47 feet for the triple jump, with proportionate distances for Juniors and Youths.

The Hammer Circle (for hammer-throwers), the Whip and Carrot Club (for high jumpers), and the Hurdlers' Union, have served a useful purpose in developing their members, and the Kangaroo Club may well help to produce a world-beater in the long jump or the hop, step, and jump.

Practice jump



Long jump and high jump champion of Wimbledon (Surrey) Athletic Club, Marjorie Ely keeps herself in training with some vigorous leaping. She is still at school.

Amateur Cup Final at Wembley

ON Saturday the first of this season's soccer Cup Finals will be held at Wembley. Crook Town from the north will be meeting Barnet of the south in the Amateur Cup Final.

Crook Town have twice been the finalists (1901 and 1954) and on each occasion they won the trophy. Barnet have also twice reached the Final in the past; they won the Cup in 1946, but lost in 1948. Neither of these games was played at Wembley, but Crook will have vivid memories of their previous Final at the Empire Stadium, when, against Bishop Auckland, they drew 2-2 after ex-

tra time. Another draw followed in the replay at Newcastle; and then in the second replay, Crook won the Cup.

Three of the Barnet team have been chosen to travel to East Africa in June with Middlesex Wanderers, the well-known touring club. They are the brothers Alf and Dennis D'Arcy, both of whom have played for England this season, and 19-year-old Bobby Cantwell. One of the other finalists going on the tour is Mike Tracey, Crook Town's inside-forward, who has shone in the English Amateur international side this season.

So cross at the crossing

WITHIN a few hundred yards of the finishing line, Norman Read looked to be an easy winner of the recent New Zealand 20,000 metres road walking championship. Then came an unusual hold-up—the level crossing just outside the stadium was closed to let a train go past.

Fretting and fuming, Norman glanced anxiously over his shoulder as the train chugged slowly past. Then the gates swung open and he set off for the stadium, still an easy winner but no doubt wishing that train could have been late for once.

Cheaper to play

APART from the official team, over a dozen English players appeared in the recent world table tennis championships in Dortmund. They had little hope of winning even their first-round matches—but the entrance fee was only £3 10s. against the £5 for tickets to watch from the spectators' seats!

Britain's only soccer museum

DURING the past 2½ years, Mr. Vic Wayling, of Hitchin, Hertfordshire, has received soccer relics and mementoes from all over the world. For Mr. Wayling is the "curator" of Britain's only football museum.

Housed in a large room adjoining the Hitchin Town Football Club, the museum includes old programmes, books, and pictures, international caps and badges, cups, medals, the first £20,000 transfer cheque, and a pair of Stanley Matthews' football boots.

Captain of England



Schoolboy with something to smile about is 15-year-old Chris Lawler, of St. Teresa's R.C. School, Liverpool. Chris, who plays centre-half, is captain of England Schoolboys' soccer team.

Youngest Test cricketer

IT is many years since three brothers were chosen for their country's Test team, but that happened in Pakistan recently when Mushtaq Mohammad, younger brother of Wazir and Hanif Mohammad, appeared in his first Test match against the West Indies.

Pakistan have a remarkable record for producing young Test players. Khalid Hassan was 16 years and 352 days; Hanif Mohammad was just a year older; and now Mushtaq Mohammad becomes the world's youngest Test cricketer at 14 years 124 days.

SPORTING GALLERY

ALLAN BROWN

Cup Finals are events which Allan Brown, Luton and Scottish international inside-forward, must regard with mixed feelings.

Playing for East Fife, his first senior club, in the Scottish Cup Final of 1950, he was on the losing side. At the end of that year he joined Blackpool, who reached Wembley twice during his service with them—and each time Allan was unable to play because of



injury. In 1951 it was a twisted knee; in 1953 it was a broken leg received as he scored the goal which put Blackpool into the semi-final. The club went on to win the Cup, but Allan Brown was out of action for seven months. Now, as a Luton player, the Cup Final again lies ahead and if ever a man deserved a chance to show his quality in the big match, it is Allan Brown.

Originally a half-back, the big Scot from Kennoway plays equally well at inside-right or inside-left.



Preparing for the Olympics

ARRANGEMENTS are well under way for the next Olympic Games, to be held in Rome next year.

The football tournament, for instance, has already attracted a record entry of 34 countries, including Ethiopia, Ghana, Korea, Malta, Tanganyika, and Uganda. The 34 entrants will compete in contests to decide the 16 qualifying competitors for the tournament in Rome.

Russia, the holders, and Italy, the host nation, automatically qualify for the final rounds.

The magnificent Foro Italo Stadium, where the finals of the soccer tournament will be held, was recently inaugurated by the Italian Premier.

Accommodating 55,000 spectators, the stadium has an indoor swimming pool and ten underground gymnasiums.

Umpire—referee

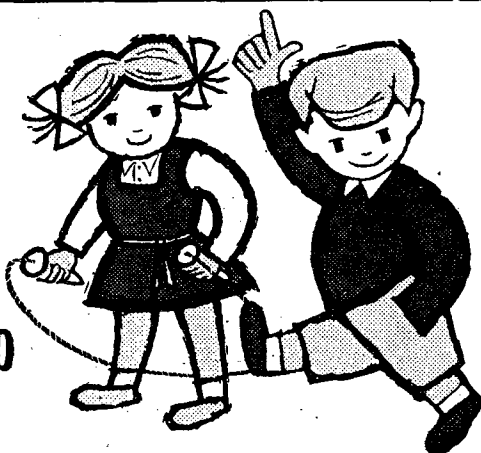
AN unusual type of record is claimed for Mr. E. W. T. Tindill of Wellington. Not only has he represented New Zealand at rugby and cricket but he has also umpired Test matches and refereed international rugby games.

SPORTS QUIZ

1. Which continental team was the first to beat England in a soccer international in this country?
2. What is the world record for the 60-yard sprint?
3. In which sport would you use a trampoline?
4. Which cricketer has captained his country most times?
5. Where are the 1960 winter Olympic Games to be held?
6. How many Third Division clubs have reached the F.A. Cup Final?

Answers: 1. Hungary, in 1953. 2. Six seconds, held by Herbert Carpenter of America. 3. Gymnastics—it is a sheet of canvas stretched between an iron frame support. 4. Peter May (32 times). 5. Squaw Valley, California. 6. None.

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